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LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Navigation Syndicate.

London, May 20.—It is affirmed in Port that as a result of the interview of Mr. Fawcett with Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. A. J. Balfour the White Star Company will not cease to exist on joining the Navigation Syndicate, but there will be merely a transference of shares. Mr. Morgan's syndicate will nominate seven British members of the company, and will register the White Star line in their names under the English Companies Act. Present and future ships of the company will be at the disposal of the British Government, and will retain the British flag.

The White Star Company's shareholders almost unanimously approved the sale of the company's assets to the Navigation Syndicate. It is understood the price was £10,000,000. It is reported that Mrs. T. H. Janney, widow of one of the founders of the firm, strongly opposed the sale on patriotic grounds.

May 22.—The Vienna correspondent of the Times states that German shipowners are disappointed at being unable to join the Navigation Syndicate on the same terms as the British, and pretend to commiserate with the British for the terrible blow to their shipping, hoping to secure reprisals, estranging Great Britain and the United States.

The Times states that commercial and political warfare between Great Britain and the United States would only benefit Continental rivals. The shipping combination substituted a community of interest, opening as powerfully for friendship as

Reception of Peace in Australia.

Adelaide, June 2.—His Excellency the Governor received a cablegram this morning, signed by the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, to the effect that the representatives of the Boer forces still in the field, who for some time past have been deliberating at Pretoria, have definitely accepted the terms of surrender offered them by His Majesty's Government.

Immediately this news became known in all the capitals of the southern States, tumults were hoisted upon all the principal buildings.

The Governor formally read the telegram upon the steps of Parliament House to day, on the conclusion of which cheers were given by the large crowd assembled.

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Name.	Class.	Tons.	Gun.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at.
Albion	dispatch-vessel	1700	—	3000	Comdr. Seymour E. Erskine	Japan
*Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Comdr. Walter Carey	Japan
Albatross	cruiser, 2nd class	1030	6	1400	Captain J. Startin	Singapore
Argonaut	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	18,000	Captain E. H. Chery	Shanghai
Blenheim	gunboat, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Captain E. H. Henderson	Japan
Bramble	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut. Com. F. M. Leake	Taku
Britomart	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300		Foodow
Cressy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain H. M. Tudor	Amoy
Cherub	water tank and tug	300	—	300	Master T. Passmore	Hongkong
Eclipse	cruiser, 2nd class	3000	11	9600	Captain R. H. S. Stokes	Hongkong
Endymion	cruiser, 1st class	7300	12	10,000	Captain W. A. Paget	Singapore
Ex	2-bt. 3rd class coast defence sloop	363	3	200	Lieut. Com. Godfrey	Hongkong
Esperanza	cruiser, 1st class	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Barton	Hongkong
Fam	torpedo boat destroyer	360	4	5700	Fleet Reserve	Whitewai
Fearless	cruiser, 3rd class	1890	12	3200	Comdr. J. Graham	Hongkong
Frederick	gunboat, 2nd class	455	4	370	Lt. Com. C. B. Bosty-Townhill	Hongkong
*Gharial	battleship, 1st class	12,350	16	13,500	Captain W. A. Carter	Japan
Gothic	torpedo boat destroyer	12,950	16	13,500	Captain Lewis Wintz	Japan
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut. Com. G. C. Hardy	Whitewai
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Hummer	storeship	1640	—	—	Comdr. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Illegion	cruiser, 2nd class	3670	16	9000		Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	290	6	3900		Hongkong
Kimba	river gunboat	130	2	800	Lt. Comdr. G. B. Powell	Yangtze-Kiang
Moorthan	river gunboat	130	2	800	Re-building	Hongkong
Mutine	sloop	980	10	1400	Comdr. C. W. M. Plenderbath	Singapore
Ocean	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain W. G. White	Japan
Phoenix	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Lt. Com. C. P. Mansel	Shanghai
Pique	cruiser, 2nd class	1015	6	1400	Comdr. W. H. Nicholson	Nagasaki
Rambler	Surveying-vessel	3600	8	7000	Capt. Harry C. Reynolds	Shanghai
Rinaldo	sloop	835	6	650	Lt. Com. Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	980	10	1400	Com. D. St. A. Walsby	Hongkong
Rosario	sloop	980	6	240	Lieut. Com. G. G. Webster	Hongkong
Sandpiper	river gunboat	980	6	1400	Comdr. C. A. W. Hamilton	Amoy
Saupe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut. Com. Murray Lockhart	Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel, 2nd class	85	2	240	Lt. Comdr. Wensley	Hongkong
Saku	torpedo boat destroyer	766	2	870	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Talbot	cruiser, 2nd class	250	6	6500	Captain P. G. Stopford	Hongkong
Tanaka	torpedo boat	5600	11	9000	Comdr. Robinson	Nagasaki
Ted	torpedo boat	4550	6	—	Lt. Comdr. R. W. Dalgety	Hongkong
Terrible	cruiser, 1st class	14,200	14	25,000	Captain Percy Scott, O.B.	Hongkong
Tweed	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200	Temporarily employed surveying	Hongkong
Vestal	sloop	980	10	1400	Comdr. Frank H. Layton	Hongkong
Waterwitch	Surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt. Com. W. O. Lyne	Newchwang
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	2750	2	1000	Lt. Com. C. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Whitewai
Wivern	torpedo boat destroyer	2750	2	1000	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut. Com. Hugh Somerville	Hankow
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut. Com. Chilcott	Shanghai

* Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.

Noon.—Extraordinary Meeting of Wat-
kins, Limited, at the Company's Office,
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Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of 115 pieces Wash-
ing, &c., at Messrs. Hughes and
Brough's Sales Rooms.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Ware
and Curios, at Mr. V. L. Remond's
Sales Rooms.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Sydney unloaded after Noon
on this date subject to rent and landing
charges.

General Memoranda.

Monday, June 23.—

Goods per Osaka not cleared at Noon
this date subject to rent.

3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold
Property (on Two Lots), at Mr. Geo.
P. Langford's Sales Rooms.

Goods per Bango Myn not cleared on this
date subject to rent.

Tuesday, June 24.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, at No. 7, Morrison Hill Road.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong Electric
Co., Ltd., closed from this date to the
8th July, inclusive.

Thursday, June 26.—

Public Holiday.

Good per Bengel not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

Friday, June 27.—

Public Holiday.

Tuesday, July 8.—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of
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BIRTHS.

At Kowloon Docks Hongkong, on the
17th June, the Wife of CHAS. FITZGERALD,
Jr., of a Son.

At Shanghai, on the 15th June, the Wife
of Major R. SOUTHERY, 39th Beluhs, of a
Son.

MARRIAGE.

On the 14th June, at H. I. G. M.'s Con-
sulate, and afterwards at the German
Church, Shanghai, PAUL WESTENDORF to
ANITA COLES, both of Hamburg.

DEATHS.

At 5, Tientsin Road, Shanghai, on the
10th of June, WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS,
late of Calbeck, Macgregor & Co.; aged
22 years.

At Chefoo, on the 13th June, ELLEN,
the beloved wife of James F. Dromont,
of the China Inland Mission, Shanghai.

The publication of this issue commenced
at 5.50 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The War's Toll.

The War Office states that down to the
4th inst., 1,972 officers and 29,870 men per-
ished in the war from all causes; and 3,141
officers and 72,314 men were invalided
home, of whom the great majority have
rejoined.

Cholera at Tientsin.

A telegram from Tientsin, dated 14th
inst., says:—There have been 134 cases of
cholera in the city, whereof 96 were fatal;
75 cases are reported within the foreign
concessions, whereof 8 were fatal, all Chi-
nese. 18 cases, whereof 6 were fatal, are
reported in the barracks. No German
soldiers have been attacked by the disease
yet. 12 cases are reported from Tangku.

Music at Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col.
Baillie and Officers, the Band of the 22nd
Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong
Hotel to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from
8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

March.—Let's go round there now 'Winten,
Selection, 'The Messenger Boy'... Caryll,
Valentine, 'Lullaby'... Spargo,
Gowdron, 'The First Kiss'... Schubert,
Folk, 'The Priarose'... Tolland,
Selection, 'The Casino Girl'... Engländer.
'GOD SAVE THE KING.'

Coronation—Postal Arrangements.

During the Holidays in honour of
His Majesty the King, the Post Office will
be open during the hours as stated below:—
On Thursday, the 26th inst., from 7 till
11.30 a.m. only, for the despatch of the
outgoing German mail.

On Friday and Saturday, the 27th and
28th inst., from 8 till 9 a.m. only.

Correspondence for local delivery may be
posted up to 9 a.m. on these days. The
night box will be kept open during the
time the Office is closed.

The Money Order Office will be entirely
closed during the holidays.

The Timber Market.

The Borneo correspondent of the *Sin-
gapore Free Press* writes:—We learn that,
in consequence of the deplorable condition
of the Timber Market in Hongkong, the
Indo-China S. N. Co. and the Norddeut-
scher Lloyd, have agreed to grant shippers
a reduction of ten per cent. in the rates of
freight on timber for the next three voy-
ages of the *Sandakan* and *Alor Star*. This
action is much appreciated by the shippers
concerned, and it is hoped that it will help
the trade over the present crisis, and that the
Market will have made a decided turn for
the better before the three trips have been
completed. It would be a graceful act on
the part of the Government to do some-
thing similar, by reducing the heavy Ex-
port Duties on Timber to say one-half
for the same period. The Timber trade is
certainly in a bad way as it is, and there is
talk of one of the two Saw Mills here shut-
ting down, owing simply to the deadly dis-
tress of business.

H. E. Mr Stewart Lockhart.

The Weihaiwei correspondent of the
Mercury wrote on the 5th inst.:—Our new
Commissioner, Mr Stewart Lockhart, has
arrived and has not time in taking up
his duties. He comes to us full of energy,
and we hope that he will make something
else of Weihaiwei than a mere summer
resort, although it will take some time for
him to eradicate the evils done by As-
sistant Commissioner Hare, whose departure
took place some time ago. During our
short existence here, we have had more
than our share of Commissioners, good,
bad and indifferent, and we can only hope
that Mr Lockhart has come to stay. Here-
tofore our Commissioners have always
resided on the Island (I call it being either
Naval or Military men). Mr Lockhart
has, however, elected to reside on the
mainland, and we may reasonably hope
that something will now be done for this
long-neglected part. I don't think it pre-
mature to say that in the persons of Mr
Stewart Lockhart and his assistant, Mr
Walker, we have two really good men.
Mr Lockhart, I may mention, ranks as
Major-General.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Inward Parcels by s.s. *Bengal* are now
ready for delivery.

The Municipality of Berlin has voted
ten thousand marks for St. Vincent.

The French Mail of the 18th May was
delivered in London on the 18th June.

The injuries received by the people in
the rush at the Cricket Test Match at
Birmingham were slight.

Dengue fever still lingers in Siam. It
is very prevalent in Ratturi at present and
has also reached Petchaburi.

Numerous Governors and Premiers, in-
cluding Sir West Ridgway, were to receive
degrees at Edinburgh on the 17th June.

Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of
State for India, has appointed a Commissioner,
Mr Clive, as his Parliamentary Secretary.

The Tariff Committee of the Reichstag
have adopted clauses in the Tariff Bill
exempting from duty natural and artificial
indigo.

The mission to investigate the sleep-
ing sickness in Uganda consists of Drs
Low, Christy, and Castellani. They left
England on the 4th inst.

The Japanese torpedo boat destroyer
Shikunose foundered near the Luchins
early this month; nothing is said as to
whether any lives were lost or not.

The officers of the British North
Borneo Government Service are in future
to be paid their salaries at the fixed ex-
change of 1s. 10d. Sterling to the Dollar.

Dr von Ploner, ex-Minister of Finance,
has suggested that the Austrian Reichstag
should meet the Indian countervailing duty
on sugar by retaliatory duties on Indian
imports.

Eight students from Nepal arrived at
Kobe on the 3rd inst. They proceed to
Tokio, and will be admitted into the
College of Engineering of the Imperial
University.

An Uncomfortable Position.

Yesterday, a Chinese fireman on board
the s.s. *Minerva* (Messrs Bradley and Co.)
went to the Tung Wa Hospital and died.
In consequence of certain statements made
by Chinese friends of the deceased, the
police arrested the second and third en-
gineers, and detained them in cus-
tody pending police investigation. The
body of the deceased was taken to the public
mortuary where Doctor Hunter made an
examination and found that deceased had
succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.
The two engineers were accordingly released,
there being no evidence forthcoming as to
violence on their part towards deceased.

Union Church Coronation Services.

On Sunday next, special services will
be conducted in the Union Church by the
Rev. C. H. Hickling in anticipation of the
Coronation of King Edward and Queen
Alexandra. The organist, Mr George
Grimble, will play the following voluntaries
in the forenoon:—'Hark! 'God Save the
King,' 'Tours' 'Alleluia Graciosa,' and
Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus' from the
'Messiah.' At the evening service, he will
play Beethoven's 'Egmont' (Hallelujah
Chorus) from 'Mount of Olives,' and Men-
delssohn's 'War March of the Priests' from
'Athalia.' In the forenoon, the Choir
will sing Oakeley's 'Te Deum' and Stainer's
Jubilee Anthem 'Let every soul be sub-
ject,' and in the evening, Garret's Anthem
'O be joyful in the Lord' and Bunnett's
'Magnificat.' Special hymns will be sung
appropriate to the occasion. These hymns
will be sung to familiar tunes, so that the
congregation may join in the service of
praise. The words of the anthems, hymns,
&c., have been printed in book form, and
will make an interesting souvenir of a
memorable occasion.

The Rat Preventors.

Yesterday, before Mr Kemp, the
owner of the steamer *Tai-Kang* was charged
with omitting to guard his havers with
funnels when lying alongside Jardine's
Wharf, on the 14th inst. When asked to
plead, the defendant said he did not know
what was meant, and he was given half an
hour to make up his mind, one way or the
other. On the case being recalled, defendant
pleaded he was not guilty of intentionally
breaching the regulations. Constable 108
said that four of the havers were without
funnels.—Defendant.—But these havers
passed through pipes in the bulwarks not
over the rail, and the holes were blocked
up, so that unless a rat were a bird it could
not pass from the havers to the ship. I
thought that that was fulfilling the spirit
of the regulations.—P.C. 108 and the
chief officer of the *Tai-Sang* confirmed this
statement, and his Worship, who found
that a technical breach of the regulations
had been committed, discharged the de-
fendant with a caution, remarking that the
precautions taken were apparently quite
sufficient to prevent rats passing over the
havers to the ship.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

China Mutual Sold.

The *N. O. Daily News* of the 16th
inst. says:—It has been definitely settled
that Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the
agents of the Ocean Steam Co.—the Blue
Funnel Line—take over the fleet of the
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd., so soon as
the transfer of the business can be made
here. The office of the China Mutual S.
N. Co. will close in Shanghai at the end of
this month.

Coronation Tiffin Abandoned.

The *China Gazette* of the 14th inst.
says:—In view of the prevalence of sick-
ness just now, the decision of the Corona-
tion Committee last evening to give up the
idea of the tiffin in the Town Hall is a wise
one and will meet with general approval.
It was also decided to throw the box office
for the performances at the Lyceum open to
all-comers irrespective of nationality, and
from the scale of the expenditure for war
robe, &c., the show ought to prove a
memorable one.

Japanese and the Coronation.

Admiral Sir Cyprien Bridge has com-
pleted his arrangements for the celebration
of the forthcoming coronation by the
squadron under his command at Hongkong
and at Weihaiwei. The Japanese authori-
ties, we understand, have decided to order
the cruiser *Takao* now at Chefoo, and the
cruiser *Minato*, now at Sasebo, to visit
Weihaiwei and Hongkong respectively on
Coronation Day, in order to take part in
the demonstrations to be made at the two
British naval bases.

Massacre of Formosans.

A telegram from Taipei, Formosa,
dated 4th inst., is published in Japanese
contemporaries to the following effect:—
'On the 20th ult., when a number of rebels
who had surrendered were being examined
in order to ascertain whether they still
possessed arms they suddenly attacked their
guards; when 234 of them were killed,
while nine Japanese sustained injuries.'
This appears to us to be uncommonly like
a deliberate massacre of prisoners. At
this rate Formosa should be 'pacified'
soon.

Interport Cricket.

The Hongkong correspondent of the
Shanghai Times writes:—It is doubtful
whether Hongkong will be able to get
together a sufficiently strong team of
cricketers to combat with Shanghai, con-
sequently the invitation extended from
Shanghai for a team to visit there in Sep-
tember may not be accepted. The Hong-
kong team is very poorly off in the shape of
bowlers; worse off in fact now than on the
occasion of the rival interport matches
some time ago when their best bowlers
would not have predicted anything so
satisfactory as did happen to Hongkong.

'The Times' on Chinese Affairs.

London telegrams dated 2nd inst.
say:—The *Times*, in a recent article, shows
the advantages foreigners enjoy over
Britishers in China, because Foreign
Governments interpret and enforce con-
cessions in a most favourable sense, while
the British Government affects a judicial
attitude in order to obtain equal advan-
tages.—The *Times* correspondent, tele-
graphing from Peking, says a deadlock in
the railway question continues, and warns
the Government against the political and
commercial consequences, should the
German firm mentioned on May 23 obtain
a concession.—The *Times* advocates the
insertion of a sort of most-favoured-nation
clause in British railway contracts.

Railways in Borneo.

The truth is out at last! writes a
correspondent of the *Singapore Free Press*.
The opening of the Railway is now official-
ly 'Postponed Indefinitely.' A little time
ago it was 'Unavoidably postponed,' but
this stage has been left behind, and the
words are now 'Indefinitely.' This Railway
has been the greatest topic of conversation
in this country for some considerable time
past, and we have had the opportunity of
hearing the opinions of the great majority
of the White population of Borneo, but a
single word in its favour we have yet to
hear. We understand the Governor actual-
ly estimated to have a considerable surplus
even the cost of maintenance for the current
year, but even he, with all his glowing
optimism, must now be wondering where it
is to come in. It is no exaggeration what-
ever to say that Governor Birch is the only
man in this country who has a ha'porth of
faith in this famous or infamous 'Trans-
Borneo Railway,' as the London and China
Express has it. He may be right and the
majority wrong, but seeing the matter has
gone so far, we should certainly like to see
a service opened, so that some indication
may be given from actual experience one
way or the other. Every resident in the
country has a considerable interest in this
matter, and the sooner some radical move-
ment takes place the better for all concerned.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Steamer 'Ajax.'

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire advise
us to the effect that the blue-funnel steamer
Ajax, which touched a rock off Jeddah in the
Red Sea, while on a voyage to Hong-
kong, has put back to Suez, where she is
expected to arrive to-morrow, and where
the extent of her damage will be ascertain-
ed. Her cargo will, it is expected, be
transferred to another vessel and brought
on immediately.

The Thefts from Kelly and Walsh.

Yesterday, at the Magistrate's, Yau
Ki, master of the Wo Sing printing, book-
binding, and stationery shop, No. 29 Pot-
tinger Street, was charged with the unlawful
possession of three-and-a-half black book-
binding skins and a quantity of paper, the
property of Messrs Kelly and Walsh. The
evidence for the prosecution was similar to
that adduced in the cases already reported,
and the defence put forward by the accused
was that the goods were willed to him by a
friend who died on the voyage from Bang-
kok to Hongkong. Mr A. N. Hake, man-
ager of Brewer & Co., was also called for the
defence to prove that the defendant was in the
habit of buying book-binding skins from
Brewer's, but in witness's opinion the
appearance of the skins in Court suggested
that they had been obtained elsewhere. A
fine of \$100 was imposed.

Ship on Fire at Hongkong.

At two o'clock yesterday morning, fire
broke out in the fore hold of the iron sailing
ship *Dynamene*, under charter to the
Admiralty with a cargo of a patent brigquette
fuel. The ship was lying at No. 4 Admi-
ralty buoy, off Yau-mai, and when the alarm
was raised rockets were fired, and these
quickly summoned a naval brigade and the
police fire boat to the ship's side and no
time was lost in getting to work. Mr A.
Mackie, Acting Deputy Superintendent of
Police, and Mr D. Macdonald, engineer of
the Fire brigade, also arrived later on with
a number of men from the Central Fire
Brigade. Relief parties also came along-
side from the vessels in the vicinity and the
scene was a busy one. By 5.30 the fire
was completely extinguished. The origin
of the fire is unknown. The *Dynamene* is
owned by Henry Terno and Sons, Liver-
pool, and her master is Captain Snodden.
The damage has not been ascertained.

The 'Star' Ferry Launches.

To-day, on the complaint of the 'Star'
Ferry Company, V. Torres, Kowloon Hair-
dressing Saloon, was charged with know-
ingly, by a certain false pretence, obtained from
the 'Star' Ferry Company, Limited, a first-
class passage on one of the Company's boats
with intent to cheat and defraud the Com-
pany. Mr Goldring, solicitor, appeared for
the Company, and asked that a charge of
being a common cheat be added against the
defendant. The defendant denied the charge.
Li Chi Ying, ticket clerk, at the
Hongkong side said that on the 10th
inst., at 7.55 a.m., defendant bought a
second class ticket for five cents. C. F.
Xavier, an overseer of the Company, stated
in the box that he saw defendant sitting on
the top deck of the *Northern Star* on one
of the front seats of the first-class compart-
ment. Chong Lai said he was on duty on
the *Northern Star* on the day in question,
and the defendant sat on the top deck for
the whole voyage. The defendant stated
to his worship that he was downstairs dur-
ing the voyage, and went upstairs to pass
from the launch to the Wharf. The case
was adjourned sine die.

Japan Yarn Trust.

The yarn market having been for some
time in a depressed state, the Japan Cotton
Spinners' Association held a meeting at
their office in Osaka on the 3rd inst. for the
purpose of considering what should be done
in the circumstances. The following sug-
gestions (says the *Kobe Chronicle*) were put
before the representatives present for their
consideration:—'To amalgamate all the
mills into a Trust. The object of the Trust
is to produce lost cotton yarn in its present
produced, and of the best quality. The
financial condition of some of the mills be-
ing totally different to that of others,
amalgamation at present is impracticable;
but it was suggested that for the present
an agency should be formed for handling
all the products of the mills, and that a
minimum price should be fixed on the
goods and maintained. As at present the
different mills produce different qualities
of goods for different markets, it is not
practicable for them all to agree upon any
set of conditions for any fixed period.
Amalgamation is, therefore, suggested as the
only remedy against deviation from under-
standings and against ruinous competition.
It was stated at the meeting that amalga-
mation would effect such a saving in the cost
of production, as would enable the mills to
pay their operatives better wages and afford
them more comfort.' The meeting unani-
mously adopted the proposal to form a
syndicate to maintain

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1902.

THE STRANDING OF THE
"ROBERT DICKINSON."

A Marine Court of Inquiry was held to-day at the Harbour Office to make inquiry respecting the circumstances connected with the stranding of the British Steamship *Robert Dickinson*, official number 82,891, of London. Commander J. Murray Ramsey, R.N., Stipendiary Magistrate, presided, and the others constituting the Court were Lieut. W. H. James, R.N., H.M.S. *Tenace*, O. P. Marshall, Master of the *Empress of India*, and J. G. Doward, master of the *Leven of Argyll*. Mr. E. J. Grist appeared on behalf of the Captain of the vessel in question.

A letter from Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, solicitors, acting on behalf of Captain Macdonell, applying for the inquiry, and the warrant of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government authorizing the inquiry, were read. Mr. S. E. Macdonell said he was master of the *Robert Dickinson* on the 24th May. He held a master's certificate issued to him on 24th January. The vessel was a bulk steamer of 1,341 tons and belonged to the S. E. Macdonell and Co., Ltd., of London, and was on a voyage to Yokohama with kerosene oil in bulk. She left Hongkong on 18th May. All went well till the 20th. It was called at 2.2 in the morning as the ship had got into a fog. The engines were put on half speed. With a view to giving his evidence, and his Worship instructed him to be more accurate in his statements made before the Court. Without then said he was called at 2.10, and was on deck at 2.45, when the engines were put to "stop." At 2.30 the engines were put to "stop," and he then ordered the chief officer to cast the lead. Before the lead was ready, he heard the gun at Oahu at 3.24, a second gun was heard, and at 3.25 the ship struck on the north end of the island. The speed of the ship was nine knots when he left Oahu Island, and he took a North-East course, which he calculated would take him two miles to the north of Oahu. From 2.30 a.m. the ship, by the loss of her bows, was left to drift. The vessel remained on the island for three hours, and eventually came off with a rising tide. Her whistle had been blowing every two minutes from 2.20. He thought it was not necessary to make a cast of the lead before 3.24. The ship was fitted with a whistle, not a siren. He considered it a safe course to pass north of Oahu. It was the usual route.

By Mr. Grist—From the time he was called he was on the bridge along with the chief officer. He had a lookout on the foreward head. In his opinion his whistle ought to be heard three miles off at least. In the ordinary course, he should have heard an answering gun. He should have heard the gun when he was three miles off. He did not expect to hear the gun as soon as he did.

By His Worship—Do you consider it careful navigation to approach a fog signal and navigate the ship by the light of hearing or not hearing the gun?—Yes.

By Mr. Grist—That is the question. The Chief Officer followed and the finding of the Court was—"We find that the British steamship *Robert Dickinson*, 82,891, of which Sidney Frederick Macdonell was master, the number of whose certificate is 82,891, left Hongkong on the 18th May on a voyage to Yokohama. The *Robert Dickinson* was a bulk steamer of 1,341 tons, and she had on board a full cargo of kerosene in bulk. That, at about 3.34 on the morning of 20th May, the ship struck on the north end of Oahu Island and remained on the island for three hours, eventually coming off with a rising tide with assistance of the engines. It appears from the evidence that the ship ran into a fog at about 2.20 a.m. on the 20th, and that the master estimated that at 2.30 she was about eight miles from Oahu. In making this estimate, however, the Court is of opinion that a proper allowance had not been made by the master for the current nor for the error of compass, and that the distance was shown by the current which had been clearly shown in the log as existing ever since leaving Hongkong. As a matter of fact, if the allowances had been made for current, compass, and patent log, which the evidence and the log show were necessary, the position of the ship strikes out to be almost exactly the one she was found in, namely, the island of Oahu. The master also appears to have unduly relied for the fog signal on the ship on the fog signal gun at Oahu. Having fully considered the evidence, the Court is of opinion that the *Robert Dickinson* has not been navigated in a proper and seamanlike manner, and that the casualty was due to this, which they are of opinion amounts to a wrongful act or default on the part of the master, and they therefore direct that his certificate be suspended for a period of three months from this date. The Court learns from the evidence with surprise that the ship was not fitted with a revolution counter in the engine room, making it very difficult to set the ship to a given speed, and in coming to their conclusion the Court has taken this fact into full consideration. The Court further directs that a first motion certificate be issued during the period of suspension if the master so desires.

Plague.

There were nine cases of plague reported in the Colony during the day ended noon to-day. They were all Chinese and five were found dead in the streets. No district contributed no fewer than two of the cases. The cases this year now amount to 323.

Legislative Council.

The Legislative Council will meet on Monday when, besides six second readings, the following first readings will take place, viz.—A Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The New Territories Land Court Ordinance, 1900, No. 18 of 1900; a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend the Law relating to Dangerous Goods; and a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Five hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and twenty-five Dollars and seven cents, to defray the Charges of the Year 1901.

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KWANGSI NEWS.

The Rumoured Rebellion.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KWANGSI, June 6.

It is with much interest that one reads the news of the spread of the Rebellion in Kwangsi, and now in the papers arrived to-day I see it reported that the rebels are in full march on this city, and that possibly it is even in their hands. About the facts of the case in other parts of the Province I cannot vouch for, but this much is certain that this city is going on its way in peace. Also, as far as I can learn from inquiries, there are no rebels marching on the place, at least anywhere near. I own doubt whether Luchow has fallen, as persistently reported in the papers, for I cannot see how it would not be generally known here, a place not more than three or four days distant. They say that merchants are continually coming and going, so news certainly ought to have arrived if true.

[Kweilin is the capital of Kwangsi. Our correspondent promises to send later information as soon as he has been able to verify it from reliable sources. It is evident from this and recent letters of our well-informed correspondents at Wuchow that what has been referred to as the "Kwangsi Rebellion" is a figment of the too lurid imagination of correspondents paid by results. The picturesque description of the attack and repulse at Nanning is duly telegraphed by correspondents—amateur or semi-professional—requires a lot of explanation in view of the authenticated news now to hand from the Province of Kwangsi.—Ed. C.M.]

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Cholera at Shanghai.

The *Chin Chait* of the 14th inst. says—Everyone will be glad to hear that Saner Apicito is improving, but is not quite out of danger. We may, however, hope for the best. Two more cases of cholera are reported at the General Hospital to-day, one in the case of a little Greek boy, being fatal. Sister Laurence, we are very sorry to say, down with that disease. It ravages amongst the Chinese are increasing in violence. Never have we noticed so many coffins being carried through the streets. A reporter counted 22 passing the British Post Office between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to-day. The *N. C.* Daily News of the 16th inst. says—We regret to say that Saner Apicito, the Consul for Spain, died at the General Hospital yesterday evening. The Consul's body will meet at 10 a.m. to-day to arrange about the funeral. The deceased, who was a native of Sabanales and a lawyer by profession, had been in China about seven years, first in Amoy as Vice Consul and afterwards as Consul in Tientsin. He held the second class order of the Double Dragon and the order of Carlos XIII. He was unmarried, and only 33 years of age.

THE "PAKSHAN" INQUIRY.

The following is the full text of the finding of the Marine Court in the inquiry as to the sinking of the S. S. *Pakshan*, reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, namely:—

"We find that the British s.s. *Pakshan*, 82893, of which James George Reid was master, whose certificate of competency as master is 094439, was lying at a buoy in Hongkong Harbour on the evening of 2nd June, that the ship had on board undischarged cargo consisting of 700 bags of rice; she had about 207 tons of bunker coal; that about 7 p.m., owing to the removal by the third engineer of the cover of the sea connection for the ballast tank, the ship began to take in water, and the attempts to stop it being ineffectual she sank at her moorings in about 7 fathoms of water. It appears from the evidence that the master was on shore at 6 p.m., and the second officer also went on shore at 6.30 p.m., leaving the duty of filling the ballast tank to the third engineer, who had only been on board a few hours. The second officer stated that he distinctly told the third engineer to examine the valve in the intermediate box and not to touch the sea-connection; and the Court finds it difficult to make this statement correspond with the action of the third engineer, who almost immediately after the sinking of the ship, followed by a series of hardly less serious faults on the part of others. It is impressed by the apparent want of resource shown by those concerned. In Hongkong it is difficult to imagine not being able to engage the services of almost any number of steam launches at almost any hour of the day or night, and a tow of about 1,000 yards would at any rate have got the ship into 7 fathoms less water than she went down in. No signals were made to attract attention and no application made to the ships close by for assistance. The Court considers that the leaving of the third engineer in charge of the important duty of examining the valves connecting with the ballast tank was a serious error on the part of the second officer, and indeed they are unable to acquit the chief engineer of all responsibility on this score, for the Court is of opinion that he ought to have been aware of the fact that the ballast tank was being filled. The absence of the crew in one of the contributory causes of the loss of the ship. Had there been more help, more might have been done; and here again it is clear that application to the adjacent ships might have had some effect, but that the fault of commission and omission do not amount to a wrongful act or default, and the certificates of the master and officers and engineers are not therefore dealt with.

THE TERMS OF PEACE.

Authentic Message from Mr. Chamberlain.

Colonbo, June 6.

The following telegram was received by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from the Colonies regarding the terms of surrender of the Boers:—

From Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.

June 5th, 1902.

Terms of surrender of Boers are contained in document signed 21st May, of which following is substance:—

(Boys)—His Excellency General Lord Kitchen and His Excellency Lord Milner, on behalf of the British Government, and General C. R. D. Wet, Judge J. Von Hoxow, W. Bremner, and General C. Olivier, acting for the Government of the Orange Free State, and Messrs S. W. Burger, F. W. Reitz, General Louis Botha, J. H. De la Rey, Lesca Meyer, and Crow, acting as the Government of the South African Republic, on behalf of their respective belligerents, desirous to terminate the present hostilities, agree on the following articles:—

1. Belligerent forces will forthwith lay down arms, giving up all munitions of war, and desist from further resistance to the authority of H.M. King Edward VII. whom they recognize as their lawful Sovereign.

2. All Burglars in the field of the Transvaal or Orange Free State Colony, and all Prisoners of War at present outside the limits of the Republic, will, on the daily declaring their acceptance of the position of subjects of H.M. King Edward VII. as soon as transports can be procured and their means of subsistence insured.

3. Burglars surrendering will not be deprived of personal liberty or property. Burglars surrendering for bona fide acts of war, except certain acts notified to Boer Generals by Commander-in-Chief.

4. No proceedings will be taken against Burglars surrendering for bona fide acts of war, except certain acts notified to Boer Generals by Commander-in-Chief.

5. Dutch language to be taught in schools when parents desire it, and to be used in Courts of Law where necessary.

6. Possession of rifles for their protection to be allowed to persons taking out license, as soon as possible, followed by representative, leading up to self-government.

7. Civil Government to be introduced as soon as possible, followed by representative, leading up to self-government.

8. No special land tax in Transvaal or Orange Free State to pay for war.

9. His Majesty's Government will not use £3 millions for repatriation of population to London, for making good of war losses. Bona fide possession of land, surrendering receipts or South African Republic Government notes will be taken as evidence of war losses. In addition British Government will make advance loan to Burglars for same purpose. (Substance ends.)

Please make these terms known to P. O. W. and inform them that propositions are to be commenced as soon as possible for their gradual return, but that, owing to the present state of country it will take time before all can be returned. Copies of correspondence will be sent to you by mail.

I will communicate with you later as to the form and terms in which prisoners are to be declared the acceptance of the position of subjects of the King.

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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, May 23.

The weather is still unreasonable.

Unseasonable is not a strong enough word to describe this Westwind. It is an understood rule in London that straw hats, Panamas and Boaters, appear three weeks before the Whitman holiday, but few indeed are the dealers who have dared to put such things in their windows, and the man lives not who would dare to wear one in the street. It may be bad form to talk about the weather, but the offence is one that cannot be avoided as there has been so much weather and of every variety save the sunny and warm.

Chestnut Sunday in Rushy Park must be postponed, for the chestnuts are not in blossom; cricket has become a game of chance, and those who take holidays are more miserable than those who do not.

We have to stay at home and save our pennies for the coronation week, when those who are wise will escape from the city. It is not a question of loyalty.

We are all devoted to the Saxo-Coburg dynasty (all, that is, outside Battersea or Bedlam), but London will be intolerable during the week-end of the festivities. The place will be overcrowded, and must suffer from something like a food famine. The gas companies may be able to supply all the gas that will be required for illuminations, but the quantity will be stupendous. Street after street is already festooned with garlands, interpersed with set pieces, and the completeness and extent of the decorations will be unique in the history of the world. This gives, an additional terror. The police arrangements must be on an enormous scale, and even then can they be adequate? Pocket-picking we must expect, and any man who gets his pocket picked will deserve it, for that is easily guarded against, but the eighty thousand thieves in London are not likely to forget the number of houses which will be empty and unprotected at the mercy of those who wish to break through and steal. Again, there is the peril of fire. St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, and other buildings are encased in timber stands. These stands will be draped with inflammable bunting, and lie tempting a holocaust. It is enough that the great city is to lose two whole days when vehicular traffic must be forbidden over a great part of its highways, and when all must take holiday—many at their own expense, but there are real dangers enough to cause us all to have a sigh of relief if the Thursday and Friday pass over, contrary to all probability, without disaster. Many of us dread the experiment.

The Madrid affair has passed off fairly well, but is scarcely a case in point. It was a much smaller display, with a procession that took but twenty minutes to pass a given point, and Madrid has a moderate population of 500,000 in its eight square miles. Also, it is much poorer than London.

As I forecasted, the seismic and volcanic disturbances continue in the West Indies. There is complete panic in Martinique and St. Vincent. The inhabitants wish to leave the islands, and until a sufficient number of craters have been opened or re-opened to act as safety valves, for the volcanic matters, there can be no feeling of security.

This may not be till the chart of the Caribbean Sea has been sensibly changed by earthquakes and eruptions. Meanwhile, all that can be done here is to make the fund for the sufferers a success, and the Mansion House subscription is showing that there is no lack of sympathy that finds effective expression.

The thing is not over yet, and the impoverished islands of the West have yet more to suffer. As far as we have seen, yet, St. Vincent has no cause for congratulation in comparison with the neighbouring French Island.

M. Santos Dumont is to make three ascents from the grounds of the Crystal Palace next month. Perhaps it would be safer to say that he is to make one ascent, and, if he survives that, to make a second, and, if that, a third. I was examining his balloon, the other day, and trying, as far as a non-technical mind could go, to understand its mechanism.

To the ignorant layman (myself), it seems wretchedly flimsy, inelastic, and perilous with the petrol cylinder above the motor and near the gas envelope. The wicker car, with room for one only, is at one end, and the strings that connect with the rudder, the propeller and the gas valves are long and complicated. Much seems sacrificed to lightness, and one would have expected several structural alterations to have been undertaken after the lesson of M. Savary's disaster, but the winner of the Deutsch prize believes in his luck, and has no dread of the proverb of the pitcher and the well.

RECEPTION OF PEACE NEWS IN CEYLON.

Brother Boer Choors "God Save the King."

The Times of Ceylon says:—We are authorized to state that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor despatched the following telegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies to-day:—

"Ceylon offers her most sincere congratulations on the attainment of peace. About 11 a.m. on the 2nd inst., Colonel Vincent at Diyakula received the wire announcing that Peace had been signed. This was at once posted up at the gate of the Boer Camp. Immediately the news got abroad Boers were seen running in all directions; some cheered, others looked depressed. Shortly afterwards the Boer National Anthem was sung, and the Boer National Anthem. This was shortly followed by the D.C.L.I. band turning out, under acting Bandmaster Warren, and seen the 'Soldiers of the Queen' was struck up, the band marching up and down the road, while the Boer soldiers lined the road on either side, cheering and waving their helmets. The Boers missed on the opposite side of the road, and returned the cheer. Finally 'God Save the King' was played, and the last note both Boers and British cheered. Only a small band would not take any notice of the news, and some of them still imagine that they are to have their independence.

Another description says:—Some of the prisoners collected in the enclosure, and, in response to the cheers and hurrahs of the soldiers, cheered the Transvaal and sang the 'Volkslied'; but the malcontents were only a small minority.

THE CHINESE TARIFF.

Mr. Archibald Little makes a Suggestion.

In a letter dated Chungking, May 23, Mr. Archibald Little writes as follows to the *N. C. Daily News*:—Our belated post brings us at last your valued papers with news of the proposed changes in the tariff and increasing letters therefrom from various correspondents. May I, as a helpless out-port sufferer under the tariff as it stands, venture still more suggestions upon its possible reform and add to the correspondence on the subject that fills your crowded columns?

Incidentally, I venture to suggest that the Commission's sittings be transferred to this port where it could obtain clearer demonstration of the working of Likin—foreign as well as native. We all know that a pound of theory does not equal a pound of practice, and when the august Commissioners shall have had their clothes turned out at half a dozen Customs inland stations and their houses delayed while they are collecting the ordinary system of tariff—ad—they will know what Likin really means. One poor missionary I have seen who, not having sufficient funds with him, was detained for days while trying to gather in a contribution for changing the venue to a spot in immediate contact with the customs duties.

Another advantage of necessary Likin is the corrupting atmosphere of large emporia of trade, like Shanghai and Hongkong, where public opinion is usually influenced by a public press, whose columns are open to theorists like Mr. E. S. Little, who suggests the specious remedy of a new five per cent transit tax, and objects to the sweet simplicity of the tariff for import tax all round. The truth is, residents in big foreign settlements know nothing of China; to get at its true inwardness, you must live in a far-away interior city, and even then you will fail to fathom the depths of the Chinese officialdom, but will at least see its working in action. Read our daily newspapers to warp your judgment, and then, when you have seen what Likin really is, you will be in a position to legislate upon it to the common advantage of China and foreigners alike.

I am myself thoroughly at one with Sir James in his desire to abolish Likin and would even accept a twenty per cent tariff to accomplish this, but I would rather let things remain as they are than import a certain evil in the raising of a clean sweep of all internal custom houses of every description: making China, in short a protected country like America, but with the free internal circulation and possibilities of unlimited development that is possessed by the United States. Is this possible? I believe it is. My letter is long enough; in another I may formulate a plan. Meanwhile I reiterate myself to-day to advocating the first step for the Commission to take, viz., to adjourn to Chungking and find out how much is the native Likin payable under present rules for the transit of goods from north to south, what is paid in the native tax stations and what is paid to the foreign tax stations. When the Commission and the public know the facts, which they at present do not appear to do, they will be in a position to put forth an acceptable remedy. The remedy should then be fearlessly applied, however drastic it be. As one of your correspondents truly points out, the fall in exchange has hit the import trade harder than any financial tariff ever proposed; this too is remediable. Meanwhile "auf geschied." More in our next.

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